

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 25, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 9-25 are cancelled herein; as a result, claims 1-8 are now pending in this application. Claims 9-25 are canceled herewith, without prejudice. Therefore, the Applicant reserves the right to file one or more subsequent continuations on the canceled claims and/or their subject matter.

Claims 1-8 stand allowed. Claims 9-25 were rejected; however claims 9-25 are no longer pending in the present application. Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the same.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

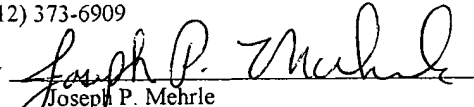
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